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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to respectfully urge you to de-fund the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) proposed condemned inmate complex (CIC) at San Quentin. As a taxpayer and concerned California citizen, I believe the plan is fiscally imprudent.

According to the California State Auditor's Report released in June, the capital and operating costs for the proposed CIC would top \$1.6 billion through 2020. To make matters worse, if inmates cannot share a cell, it is estimated that the new facility will reach capacity by 2014, just three years after it opens. Considering California's fiscal crisis and the fact that the project will not meet the state's long term need to house condemned inmates, this project should be scrapped.

Alternative development plans such as a mixed-use transit hub proposed by Assemblymember Jared Huffman and Marin County Supervisor Steve Kinsey make more sense for the water-front property where the CIC is proposed. This would actually make the state money instead of further draining the exhausted state budget or adding to the growing state deficit. Through a land-lease with the county, that location could be developed to include a new deep-water ferry terminal, transit hub that connects to a Sonoma Marin Area Regional Transit (SMART) rail stop, office space and affordable housing. Such a project would address local and state interests much better than expanding the facility for prisoners and would generate an on-going revenue stream for the state.

Please remove the additional funding for the flawed CIC proposal at San Quentin and give the state more time to consider better options. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

First / Last Name:

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